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# DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

## APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE FOR ENABLING A DIGITAL TELEVISION RECEIVER TO ACCESS SYSTEM INFORMATION IN AN ABSTRACT FORMAT

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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